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TOWNS-O-GRAM

*Townsend Elementary School
 January 2009*

*Mr. Charles Sheppard – Principal
 Mr. Shane Rifenburg – Admin. Intern
 Ms. Fran Baxter – Sr. Secretary
 Mrs. Joyce Foster – Secretary &
 “Town-s-O-Gram” Editor*
 School Hours – 8:50 am – 3:30 pm



TOWNSEND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS

- *Be Responsible*
- *Be Respectful*
- *Be Safe*
- *Be Your Best*

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Jan. 5	Schools reopen
Jan. 16	K-8 Interim Reports
Jan. 19	Schools/Offices Closed MLK, Jr. Holiday
Feb. 9,10	PK-12 – no school – Staff Development

Feb. 11,12	PK-12 – no school – Parent Conferences & Kindergarten Registration
Feb. 13	PK-12 – no school – Staff Development
Feb. 16	Schools/Offices Closed President’s Day
Feb. 17	K-8 End of Marking Period
Feb. 27	K-8 Report Cards
Mar. 11-12	Gr. 2-10 DSTP – Math
Mar. 16-17	Gr. 2-10 DSTP – Reading
Mar. 19-20	Gr. 3-10 DSTP – Writing
Apr. 10-17	Schools/Offices Closed Spring Break

May 4-8	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 6	School Nurse Appreciation Day
May 7	Math 24 District Competition
May 16	Education Fair – 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
May 21	TES Band Concert
May 22	PK-12 – No School
	Staff Development
May 25	Schools/Offices
	Memorial Day
May 27	K-8 End of Marking Period
May 29	TES Field Day
June 5	K-11 Last Day of School (half day) * <i>If bad weather causes excessive cancellations, the last day of school may be extended.</i>
June 8	Last Teacher Day
June 15	DSTP Summer School Begins
Aug. 24	K-12 First Day of School for 2009
Sept. 4	Schools/Offices Closed
Sept. 7	Schools/Offices Closed
	Labor Day

the classroom. If you'd like to learn more about this test, please visit www.nwea.org.

As always, please email or call with questions, concerns, and/or other thoughts.



***NURSE'S
NOTES
Pam Wilson, R.N.***

Please see the attached sheet “Five-Two-One-Almost None”.



***JANUARY
STUDENT
BIRTHDAYS***

Noah Sizemore, Anthony Corrozi, Austin Saunders, Luke Rife, Peter Bowers, Jonathan Cain, Zachary Gorman, Shamar Banfield, Grace Housler, Donald Sniadecki, Elizabeth Habash, Nicola Habash, Stephan Habash, Michael Karamargin, Tyler Gibbons, Sierra Stewart, Aspyn Creese, Sarah Guessford, Andrew Zapor, Brandon Zapor, Justice Cannon, Troy Carroll, Logan Gorman, Dalton Mummert, Emily Huff, William Nylander, Olivia Miller, Daniel Hearne, Antonio Sudler, Gabriella Asher, Ayanna Vazquez, Gabriel Nichols, Fiona Boyd, Spencer Curtiss, Suryansh Gupta, Matthew Jones, Molly Burke, Emily Flitcraft, Corey Johnson, Jade Nigro, Kiaaron Temple, Mallory Nolte, Anthony Pepper.



***PRINCIPAL'S
MESSAGE
Charles Sheppard
Principal***

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy New Year!!! I hope everyone had a safe and relaxing winter break.

With the holidays behind us, it's back to business as normal. As I type, we are finishing our second round of building-wide assessments related to (Response to Intervention). One of the tests we use is the NWEA MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) Test. Using the results of this test, we target students who need additional help in Reading. In addition, the results of the test allow help us plan for and differentiate instruction to meet the needs of all students in



**JANUARY
STAFF
BIRTHDAYS**

Danielle Del Duco, Kelly Stanley, Michelle Ledrich, Dawna Eriksen, Margaret Rozumalski, Mollie Goss, Kim Matyger.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mrs. Patti Bear (5th grade teacher) on the birth of her second grandchild, a girl, named Madison Grace Bear, born on December 4, 2008 to her son Adam, and her daughter-in-law, Katie. Best wishes to the whole Bear family!



WELCOME

We are happy to welcome Miss Danielle Mulholland (new cafeteria aide) to TES. Miss Mulholland recently graduated from college with a degree in business. She also works for the YMCA and runs her own gourmet cupcake business, *Kupcake Komotion*. She has lived in Middletown most of her life, but has also lived in Newark and Texas. She enjoys hanging out with her friends, going to the beach and playing with her dog.



MILEAGE CLUB
Katie Gallucci
PE Teacher

Program Concept: The Mileage Club is a Fitness Incentive Program for students based on walking. At recess, or any time with their teacher, students walk on a school grounds

course. For each lap completed, students have their Mile Marker cards stamped. Awards (feet) are earned for every 5 miles (30 laps) walked.

MRS. BUZZURO'S THIRD GRADE CLASS

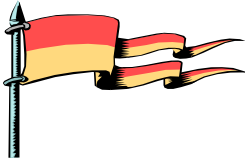
Did you hear all of the excitement coming from room 001? Don't be surprised. We helped a staff member in need in December. Ms. Goetz asked for help in baking cookies or writing messages to military members recovering at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center. The students wrote poems and messages on Mrs. Buzzuro's old Christmas cards from past holidays. Not only were we respectful in helping a friend in need, we also were helping the environment by recycling old cards. Some of the poems and messages were written with the school-wide community theme; compassion. I am so proud of my students' attitudes and diligent effort! If you have any leftover Christmas cards from this year, please send them in for Mrs. Buzzuro's third grade class. We can use them for next year.

MRS. BULL'S CLASS

The following children from Mrs. Bull's class won medals for Special Olympics for Bowling:

- Nadya Moore and Michael Tolliver – gold medal
- Michaela Watson and Hannah Harmon – gold medal
- Walter Lee and Alyssa Rodriguez – silver medal
- Shanay Webb and Mikala Baldwin – bronze medal

Congratulations to all who participated!



FLAG FRIDAY

***Ann Lehman
Counselor***

Flag Fridays will occur at least once a marking period. Each grade level will be awarded a Related Arts Flag. Students will be awarded a “Thunderbird Award” for outstanding citizenship, academics, following expectations, improvement in grades/-behavior, etc. It is also a time to share classroom awards. The first Flag Friday Awards were held on Friday, December 12, 2008.

First Grade Chamberlain

Jacqueline Blanco
Erin Desrosiers
William Firman
Tajah Mc Knight
Morgan Molitor
Abdoul Njie
Erin O’Neill
Jason Savage

Ebling/Hill

Gabriella Intermoia
Ashten Robino
Joey Scherer
Sky Bowers
Katie Mucha
Ryan Reed
Thomas Tarraff Diaz

Eriksen

Francesca Cerutti
Alyssa D’Aiuto
Marissa Eide
Grace Housler
Nicholas Huff
Joi Mann
Ashley Smith
Abrar Tabassum

Ledrich

Anthony Elentrio
Donnie Fox
Kayla Goodine
Gavin Martindale
Hailey Ogden
Joseph Schneider
Airyanah Watson

Matyger

Taylor High
Audrey Jackson
Kaleb Kababik
Morgan Meekins
Alex Montes
Jase Stapleford
Hope Thompson

McNulty

James Brackin
Brendan Connors
Marco Dailey
Kimberley Edelin
Marissa Hemmert
Zuri Hobson
Gabriella Idonije
Robbie Gordon

Stugard

Kennedie Arthurs
Dymere Otero

Second Grade Del Duco

Gregory Cameron
Jake Elmer
Deaz Nunoo
Morgan O’Neill
Kamren Sutton
Mekhi Temple
Cooper Unruh
Zoe Wilcox

Ellsworth

Soljher Chamblee
Caroline Dowd
Sid Garvey
Adam Jagielski
Jordan Kenney
Jadyn Scarborough

Emmett

Alexis Anibal
Lauren Ashmore
Devon Kalafut
Jessica Masciantonio
Madelyn Pedia
Alex Reedy

Goss/Neff

Leigh Anne Bowers
Dan Hearne
Nicky Johnston
Arianna Karamargin
Eric Walker

Ryskoski

Allessandra Bateman
Hannah Burd
Melissa Jones
Kage Rickards

<i>Stugard</i>	Derae Moore	<i>Finch</i>	Emily Blanco Skylar Cox David Ellis John Mackara Miranda Maliszka Stacy Masciantonio Harley Mills Tosin Opawumi Eva Pierson Austin Saunders
<u><i>Third Grade</i></u> <i>Bull</i>	Walter Lee Michaela Watson Shanay Webb		
<i>Burnett</i>	Annie Abrams Dami Akinbayo Peter Bowers Timothy Cassell Mia Cook Megan Mucha Simon Ortiz Sarah Spence Patrick Trunfio	<i>Munson/Stilwell</i>	Shamar Banfield Aryanna Clarke Stephan Habash Michayla Meghan Mallory Nolte Justin Richards
<i>Buzzuro</i>	Maya Bowers Nikki Heinold Steven Lubrano Tyler Sczubelek Jason Sommer Sierra Stewart	<i>Patricco</i>	Caitlin Alexander Molly Burke Michael Flanagan Nicola Habash Mauri Hainsworth Will Nylander Alyssa Rodriguez Chaise Smith
<i>Gardner/Skelton</i>	Chase Chillas Alex Eaddy Zekiah Hemingway Jada Mann Jade Nigro Austin Starkey	<i>Scibek</i>	Brianna Berger Taylor Cameron Al Degnars Justin Desrosiers Elizabeth Habash Sebastian Ortiz Marcus Pinkett Madelyn Setting
<i>Sander</i>	Abigail Brown Tracey Flammia Nina Gill Alfred Hinton Michael Karamargin Olivia Montes Trinity Wingo	<u><i>Fifth Grade</i></u> <i>Anderson</i>	Madysen Ellsworth Suryansh Gupta Victoria Hanlin Gabe Kirk Austin Reedy Destinee Singleton
<u><i>Fourth Grade</i></u> <i>Bull</i>	Alexander Roberts Davonte Bessix		
<i>Burkley</i>	Nicole Feret Tyler Ferguson Ariana Gaston Erin Hainsworth Emily Huff Daniel Karschner TJ Nelson Tre Sutton	<i>Bear/Moxley</i>	Siara Bey Kayleen Chiev Madison Crile Ashlyn Henley Ryan Holmes Myles Lane Claudia Marchione Amari Rickards Jacori Small Ayanna Vazquez

Bull
Nadya Moore
Michael Tolliver
Joshua Miller

Coupe
Alexa Burris
Troy Carroll
Isabella Digati
Ronnie Granieri
Lindsey Koch
Matt Krum
Carlie Martindale
Tyler Rann

Mc Ginnis
Aaron Butler
Chasity Cosner
Niya Cruz
Tyler Fox
Mikaela Mumford
Jeremiah Nkumsah
Zach Rittereiser
Summer Shane

Related Arts

Art Ruiz
1st Ledrich
2nd Ellsworth
3rd Burnett
4th Finch
5th Coupe

Computer Jara
1st Eriksen
2nd Del Duco
3rd Sander
4th Finch
5th Coupe

Library Kaczka
1st Ebling/Hill
2nd Goss/Neff
3rd Buzzuro
4th Patricco
5th Mc Ginnis

Music A. Wilson
1st Chamberlain
2nd Ryskoski
3rd Burnett
4th Scibek
5th Anderson

PE Gallucci
1st Matyger
2nd Ellsworth
3rd Gardner
4th Burkley
5th Anderson

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

Officers

- Mrs. Edna Cale
- Mrs. Joanne Christian
- Mr. Ed Czerwinski
- Mrs. Julie Johnson
- Mrs. Donna Skinner

All meetings (open to the public) will be held in the Board Room at the Teacher Training Center, 118 South Sixth Street, Odessa, DE, beginning at 7:00 pm on the following dates:

- January 8, 2009
- February 12, 2009
- March 11, 2009
- April 8, 2009
- May 13, 2009
- June 10, 2009



TES PTA
2008 – 2009

Officers

President Norm Abrams – tespta@aol.com
Vice President Sandy Ellsworth
Treasurer Michael Nazarewycz
Secretary Rose Krum

PTA Meeting Dates

Thursday Nights - 6:30 pm - TES Library

- February 12, 2009
- March 12, 2009
- April 23, 2009
- May 20, 2009

YEARBOOK EDITOR

Stephanie Henley – Parent Volunteer

CUSTODY ISSUES

Joyce Foster

Reminder: Please make sure the school office always has the latest documentation regarding child custody situations, and **please update every year.**



**FEBRUARY
TOWNS-O-GRAM
ARTICLES**
Joyce Foster

Please have any February Towns-O-Gram articles to me by Friday, January 23, 2009. Thank you!

The Appoquinimink School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, religion, age, disability, marital status, national origin, or other legally protected categories in its educational programs, activities, employment, or student admissions policies or practices. Inquires regarding compliance with the above can be directed to:

Section 504

Contact Kittie Rehrig, Supervisor of Student Services, Appoquinimink School District, 118 South Sixth Street, Box 4010, Odessa, DE 19730. Telephone (302) 376-4111

Section 504 Coordinator's Responsibilities: To coordinate the Appoquinimink School District's efforts to comply with the disability discrimination laws.

Title IX

Contact Matt Fallis, Director of Personnel, Appoquinimink School District, 118 South

Sixth Street, Box 4010, Odessa, DE 19730.
Telephone (302) 376-4275

Title IX Coordinator's Responsibilities: To coordinate the Appoquinimink School District's efforts to comply with and carry out the District's responsibilities under Title IX, including any investigation of any complaint alleging noncompliance with Title IX or alleging actions which would be prohibited by Title IX.

Community Notification

The police are responsible for notifying the community of sex offenders in the area. This information is available on the Delaware State Police web site (www.state.de.us/dsp/sexoff). By law, all adults or juveniles who are convicted or adjudicated of specific sex offenses are registered. **Please note that not all sex offenders are child predators or pose a threat to children.**

School districts and charter schools must keep notifications of registered sex offenders received from the police in a binder in each school. They must follow guidelines for distribution of notifications they receive. The guidelines will be available on the Internet (www.doe.state.de.us or www.state.de.us/kids).

The included notification may assist you in protecting your family. It is best that only parents and guardians share this information in an age appropriate manner with their child or children so that the child will understand appropriate actions for their safety.

Parents and guardians should use this information in an age appropriate way that helps children with personal safety but does not overwhelm the child. Prevent

Child Abuse Delaware, a local nonprofit agency, has developed a list of safety tips to assist parent/guardian in helping their child feel safe:

- Review safety rules for your home – tell your child not to answer the door when you are not home and establish a plan for answering the telephone.
- Make a list with your child of three safe grown-ups he/she can talk to if afraid or in trouble and you are not there.
- Talk with your child about what places are safe to visit in your community and which are not.
- Review with your child the four private places which are the mouth, the breasts, the genitalia, and the buttocks. Explain that no one should touch these places unless they are helping to keep the child healthy (exam by a doctor) or clean (bathing).
- Encourage your child to tell you if someone talks to or touches him/her in a way that makes them feel bad or that he/she doesn't like.
- Encourage open discussion with your child about his/her willingness to talk to grown-ups in your family about the things that bother him/her.
- Determine if your child knows that the grown-ups in your family will listen to him/her. Ask yourself honestly if this is true. Do you and other adults in your family really listen to the children in your care?
- Tell your child that it is not the child's fault if someone tries to bother him/her or touch him/her in a way they don't like.
- Let your child know how special you think they are, encourage him/her to think of themselves as a person worthy of respect, who also respects

others. Treat and talk with your child in a way that conveys your respect.

If you would like further information on how to keep your child safe, you can speak with the school guidance counselor or contact Prevent Child Abuse Delaware at 254-4611.

For more information about the Sex Offenders Registry, contact Delaware State Police (302-739-5882).

If you have questions about an enclosed notification or specific offenders, please contact your local police.

Report child abuse by calling 1-800-292-9582. Do report emergencies by calling 911.

Do not post this notification publicly or where non-family members may see it. Remember it is best for children to get this information from their parents and guardians.

Do not take any action that may in any way harm or harass the offender, the offender's family, household members or employer. Do not attempt to harass the offender or make unsolicited, unwanted contact. If you believe anyone is a physical threat to you or children in your care please contact the local police.

Please use the information responsibly for the safety and well-being of those in your care.

Anyone who uses this information to commit a crime against another person is subject to criminal prosecution.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of inclement weather, announcements about District-wide delays or cancella-

tions will be made via the following radio stations:

WDEL	1150	AM
WSTW	93.7	FM
WILM	1450	AM
WDOV	1410	AM
WDSB	92.9	FM
WJBR	99.5	FM

We are not recommending television school closings.

We post the notice to the scrolling message at the bottom of our website's home page, www.apposchooldistrict.com under the heading LATE BREAKING NEWS.

We post the message to the state's school closing site. Parents can register for E-mail notification through the Delaware Department of Education's School Closing Website by clicking on this link, <http://phoenix.state.de.us/schoolclosing>.

We launch an automated phone message (**Alert Now**) if it is a District-wide delay or cancellation.

E-mail Notification: Parents can register for E-mail notification through the Delaware Department of Education's School Closing Website by clicking on this link:

<https://diss.state.de.us/DWS/public.diss>. To view the status of school closings across the state, go to <http://schoolclosings.delaware.gov>.

For Appoquinimink School District News, go to: <http://www.apposchooldistrict.com>

Middletown Area Chamber of Commerce
info@middletownareachamber.com

Delaware State Parks
<http://www.destateparks.com/lpsp/lpsp.asp>

Middletown, Odessa, Townsend Weekly Newspaper

<http://www.middletownscript.com/pages/subform.html>

Townsend Website

www.townsendde.com

Automatic E-mail notification via the Department of Education

<http://phoenix.state.de.us/schoolclosing>

TES Library Page

www.tespta.com/library/Library.htm

TES PTA Page

www.tespta.com

School Locator (allows parents to enter their street address for a list of the Kindergartens their students will attend)

<http://www.apposchooldistrict.com/transportation/locator.cfm>

Townsend School Site

www.TownsendElementarySchool.com

You can use www.PayPAMS.com to check on your child's TES Cafeteria account.



